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For: METHOD FOR THE IMMUNOCYTOLOGICAL OR MOLECULAR DETECTION
OF DISSEMINATED TUMOR CELLS FROM A BODY FLUID AND KIT THAT IS
SUITABLE THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 20, 2006, the response date being January 20, 2007. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due; however, in the event this is not the case. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-7, 11, and 12, drawn to a method for detecting disseminated tumor cells from a body fluid.

Please see the following listing of claims after this response to restriction, and amendments mandated by the restriction.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response.